

## **Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility**

# **Railway Maintenance Products Division (Formerly: Portec Rail Products, Inc.)**

**900 Freeport Road  
Aspinwall, PA  
O'Hara Township  
Allegheny County  
EPA ID #: PAD004336814  
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## **Current Progress at the Site**

From 1989 to 1998, few environmental assessments and corrective actions took a place at the Railway Maintenance Products Division (Portec) site. Five groundwater (GW) monitoring wells were installed and monitored. In 1990, PADEP issued a Consent Order which called for an additional GW and soil investigation. From March 1998 until present time analytical results for all on-site GW monitoring wells are below Nonuse Aquifer Nonresidential Medium-Specific Concentrations (MSCs.)

The cleanup program was approved by PADEP on November 30, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Recycling and Environmental Standards Act (Act 2). According to the PADEP, Environmental Cleanup Program, "the final Report demonstrated attainment of the Nonresidential Statewide Health Standard for GW" at the Portec facility. A monitored natural attenuation is in the process on the site.

## **Site Description**

The Railway Maintenance Products Division (Portec) was closed in 1989. From 1929 to 1989, the 20 acres site was used to assemble railroad maintenance equipment. Paints, thinners and degreasers were used in the manufacturing operations. Waste produced by manufacturing operations included xylene paint liquid, paint sludge, phenol solutions, paint filters, and solvents. Recently, the property is used as a warehouse for retail goods.

The facility site is located on the northern bank of the Allegheny River. The property is bordered to the west by a railroad, on south by a small industrial development, to the north by the Penn Central railroad and a variety of commercial enterprises. Undeveloped land and an abandoned marina border the facility to the east.

The facility GW was contaminated with Total petroleum Hydrocarbons (THS), 1,1-dichloroethane (1,1-DCA), 1,1-dichloroethene (1,1-DCE), 1,2-dichloroethane (1,2-DCA), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA), tetrachloroethene (PCE), 1,1,2-trichloroethane (PCA), chloroethane and chloroform. The facility soils were contaminated with TPH, 1,1-DCA, 1,1,1-TCA, ethylbenzene, toluene, total xylenes, chloroform and methylene chloride. Until 1989 a total of 9 underground storage tanks (UST), as

well as a total 37 drums were excavated from the site. A total of 2,750 tons of contaminated soils were treated and disposed on the site in 1985. There is no known active source of soil contamination present on the Portec site now.

## **Site Responsibility**

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RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of EPA Region III with assistance from the PADEP.

## **Contaminants**

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Human exposure and a groundwater release are controlled on the Portec site.

## **Government Contact**

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